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DNR OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO HELP LANDOWNERS PROPERLY REMOVE FLOODWATER DEBRIS

DES MOINES — As floodwaters have receded across the state, many farm fields have been left with large deposits of sand, gravel and other debris. The DNR is reminding landowners that they must contact the DNR prior to removing debris.

The DNR can assist landowners in finding an acceptable disposal site that will have a limited effect on flood flows and that may not require a flood plain permit. If flood debris is placed on a regulated flood plain, a flood plain permit may be required.

In the past, some debris left by floods has been pushed up against streambanks, much like a levee. When done without a flood plain permit and proper construction, these makeshift levees can create further problems in the event of future flooding. Improper disposal can also result in the landowner being required to move the debris an additional time.

“Removing flood debris quickly is important for farmers needing to reclaim their farmland,” said Dave Allen, an environmental specialist with the DNR. “We’re here to make the process as easy as possible.”

In most cases, landowners will be asked to provide an aerial photo showing the general area of the debris deposits and possible disposal sites, and the type of material deposited.

Financial and additional technical assistance may be available from local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices.

For more information, contact Dave Allen at (515) 281-6930.

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DON WILLIAMS LAKE TMDL UNDERWAY

MADRID — The DNR is seeking public input on total maximum daily load (TMDL) development at Don Williams Lake in Boone County.

Don Williams Lake is included on Iowa's 303(d) impaired waters list due to organic enrichment and siltation impairments. The TMDL will identify point and non-point pollution sources and suggest improvements to the watershed that would reduce the amount of organic enrichment and siltation.

TMDLs calculate how much pollutant a water body can receive and maintain its designated uses. The designated uses for Don Williams Lake are primary contact recreation and wildlife and aquatic life support.

DNR staff has conducted a watershed assessment to evaluate the land uses and management practices in the Don Williams Lake watershed. Over 20,000 acres of land was assessed in the two-day effort. This information will be used to estimate soil erosion and sedimentation rates for the watershed and lake.

William Graham and Danelle Haake of the DNR have also met with the Boone County Conservation Board to discuss the TMDL development process and how it is being applied to Don Williams Lake.

For more information, contact Danelle Haake at 515-281-6064 or by e-mail at danelle.haake@dnr.state.ia.us.

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DNR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

DES MOINES — The DNR has taken the following enforcement actions. Responsible parties have 30 days to appeal the charges or 60 days to pay the penalty.

- The City of Nora Springs was ordered to submit engineering plans and specifications for alternative wastewater disinfection facilities, to obtain a construction permit and complete construction of disinfection facilities and to cease unpermitted discharges of fecal coliform bacteria thereafter, and to properly operate existing disinfection facilities in the interim period. The order is in regards to the discharge of fecal coliform bacteria, contrary to the City's NPDES permit.
- Marvin Bates, of Columbus Junction, was ordered to cease the illegal disposal of solid waste, stop open burning, properly dispose of all solid waste from his property, submit documentation of proper disposal to the DNR and to pay a \$10,000 penalty. The order is in regards to a salvage yard in Iowa County.

- The City of Lake View was ordered to develop and implement a contingency plan to address wastewater flow problems in the collection system, as to eliminate bypasses to Black Hawk Lake. The City was also ordered to submit an engineering report evaluating the collection system and proposing a Plan of Action, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty.
- Ossian Agri Center, Inc., of Ossian, was ordered to cease prohibited discharges of pollutants, pay damages to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund in the amount of \$2,278.93, and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order is in regards to a May 2004 chemical spill and fishkill in Winneshiek County.
- Long Branch Maintenance Corp., of Dexter, was ordered to comply with water supply monitoring requirements and to properly monitor, maintain and operate disinfection and fluoride removal facilities. Long Branch was also ordered to submit a preliminary engineering report, to promptly take action to eliminate fluoride maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations, to provide proof of public notice of all violations, and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order is in regards to a water supply facility in a residential development.
- Midway Water and Lighting Co., Inc., of Marion, was ordered to sample its public water supply for bacteria at least once per month, to install approved continuous disinfection facilities, and to properly operate, monitor and report relating to disinfection facilities. Midway was also ordered to sample the water for combined radium, gross alpha, nitrate, sodium, arsenic, lead and copper, and to comply with all monitoring requirements. Midway was also ordered to provide public notice of monitoring deficiencies, to submit a designated operator form and to pay a \$5,000 penalty.
- Cobb Oil Company and Messer Oil Company, of Lone Tree, were ordered to pay a \$250 and \$2,500 penalty, respectively. The order is in regards to a number of regulatory violations concerning underground storage tanks in Lone Tree.
- Daryl DeJong and Fred DeJong and Sons Excavating, of Hull, were ordered to cease the open burning of tires and to pay a \$1,000 penalty.
- Des Moines County was ordered to cease the open burning of tires and other solid waste and to pay a \$1,000 penalty. The order is in regards to the burning of about 12 rubber tires by the Des Moines County Secondary Roads Department.
- Schmidt Distributors, Inc., dba Shoppers Supply Company, of Spencer, was ordered to cease open burning and open dumping, to properly dispose of solid waste, and to pay a \$5,000 penalty. The order is in regards to sites in Fort Dodge and Eagle Grove.
- Jeff Hamman, of Rockwell City, was ordered to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit a manure management plan (MMP). Due to the

sale of the property, located in Calhoun County, Hamman is not required to submit a MMP and fees.

- Jansma Cattle Co., Inc., of Rock Rapids, was ordered to depopulate its feedlots to 1,000 head or less until adequate manure controls are installed, and to obtain construction permits and install required manure control facilities if more than 1,000 head are to be maintained in the future. Jansma Cattle was also ordered to comply with manure control requirements and water quality standards, and to pay a \$10,000 penalty. The penalty is separate from an additional \$1,108.23 for restitution from a March 2004 fish kill. The order is in regards to an open lot beef cattle feeding operation located west of Rock Rapids.
- Michael and Alan Veenstra, of Oskaloosa, were ordered to comply with construction design statement requirements, to submit plans for and construct secondary containment barriers, comply with dead animal disposal requirements and to pay a \$5,000 penalty. The order is in regards to a swine confinement operation in Mahaska County.
- Robert Renze, of Wall Lake, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to submit an MMP for a facility in Sac County.
- Doug and Phillip Renze, of Carroll, were ordered to comply with manure applicator certification requirements and to pay a \$2,000 penalty. The order is in regards to land-application of manure without certification at a Sac County facility.
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- Steve Renze Home Farm, of Sac County, was ordered to submit a complete manure management plan (MMP) and fee, and to pay a \$3,000 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to submit an MMP.
- Duane and Sarah Drost, Drost Farms, Inc., of Harris, were ordered to pay a \$1,500 penalty. The order is in regards to failure to timely submit a manure management plan (MMP) for a facility in Osceola County.

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